



# Afro-American Courier



Our Motto: "Let Down the Bucket Where You Are"

VOLUME VI.

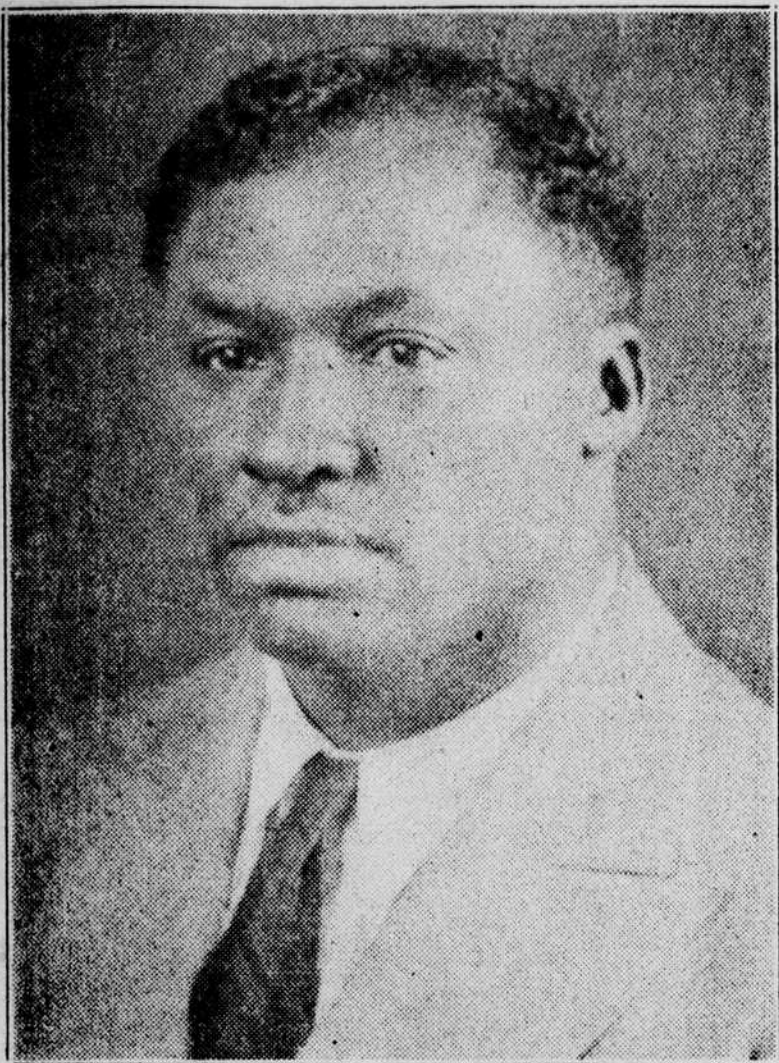
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, APRIL, 1934.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HELD IN GREENVILLE--185 NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO GREENVILLE NO. 3

A BUILDER.

HOSPITALS AND THEIR PURPOSES.

DR. L. T. MILLER,  
President and Medical Director.



T. J. HUDDLESTON.

T. J. Huddleston, Founder of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, is one of the greatest founder and builders we have of the Negro race. This statement is not made in any spirit of boasting. It is made to emphasize the great responsibilities that he has taken on himself at a time like the present.

In more than eight years of achievements T. J. Huddleston has never yet faced a problem of human needs that he has not solved constructively. He has never shown fear when he undertakes to accomplish some great achievement and always keeps his feet on the ground. He is never carried away by waves of emotionalism, and never takes excursions into the world of visions and dreams, but holds on to the wisdom and experience.

He founded the School for Colored at Louise, Mississippi, founded the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, whose headquarters are in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and however serious conditions may become, however dark the night, however bitter the struggle, he is never in doubt about the final income, for he knows it is founded on a safe and sound foundation, that is, the foundation of Right, Foresight, Faith and Endurance.

Whatever others may say or do, T. J. Huddleston has kept on, and we believe he will continue to go on and will come out of any condition that may arise, as well as we have come out of the depression stronger and wiser than ever before. Therefore, at this time we need not worry about the strength of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. This thoughtful man knows our needs and this great experiment should give us to know his ability as a builder and a founder. Certainly we are in a period when revolutionary changes are taking place. But we see a great movement under way when we see that T. J. Huddleston is making more privilege for the colored boy or girl, or for a whole people. The average Negro man or woman, girl or boy is to have a fairer "deal."

We realize forcibly the urgent need for the construction of Negro Schools, the organization of Negro Insurances, and as the emergency passes, will we not in a more permanent and less unthoughtful way give honor to this great builder and founder.

T. J. Huddleston in the founding of Louise Agricultural High School, the Afro-American Sons & Daughters is scattering good seeds that will always live in the hearts of the coming generations. To scatter love is sunshine, and sunshine smiles so true is worth more than many flowers to help his race or to help his brother through.

### GREENVILLE BEATEN BY YAZOO.

The Yazoo High School girls' basket ball team, coached by Miss Mary Ruth Hair, defeated the Coleman High School girls' team of Greenville, by a score of 9-8. The first quarter was a one-sided affair featured by excellent guarding from both teams, but the second quarter was close and fast hard fought. At the last minute Yazoo dropped a free throw which untied the score to 9-8.

The modern trend toward an attempt to reduce the mortality rate in the United States has manifested itself in an attempt to better care for the sick.

In order to give particular attention to this phase of social work which is constantly engaging the attention not only of the Doctors, Nurses and Public Health Workers, but to the public in general, more hospitals are daily being erected in all sections of the inhabited globe.

Modern Science has recognized that one of the best—no, I should say the very best way of caring for the sick is in a well equipped hospital. Why, you may ask have they reached such a definite and such a pointed conclusion which would take a patient away from the loving attentions of his fond relatives? And that is just it. The sympathetic and untrained hands of his loving family so often prevents their being able to give a patient just that kind of care which is needed to get him or her well. To be placed in a hospital once denoted that you were thrown away, but now-a-days it is pointed evidence that you are being well cared for.

It is an indisputable and undeniable fact that in an institution with its various modern equipments for treatments, with the bountiful supply of drugs, with the corps of trained nurses, and with the constant attention of the skilled physicians, a patient has a far better chance for recovery than he has in a private home which is necessarily lacking in all these respects.

But all to often the knowledge of the majority of folk—and of negroes in particular—of hospitals, have not passed the unlightened stage of the agonizing groans of a patient whose eyes are dimmed by the twilight of death, or of the unpleasant aroma of ether or other disinfectants. They fail to realize that such unfortunate individuals are usually the victims of their own indiscretions.

What do I mean by saying that they are the victims of their own indiscretions? I mean just this:—Most people have such warped, such distorted, such fantastical opinions of hospitals that they will stay at home where they have not the advantages of hospital care and service until when their condition does make it absolutely necessary that they go to the hospital for treatment, they have sometimes placed themselves beyond the very best physician's skill. Then, of course it is all too late, and when they have passed on into the unknown of the great beyond the relatives place the death at the door of the attending physician.

This one type of propaganda has done more to harm the growth of Negro hospitals than any other one factor; and the victims of disease, themselves, seldom stop long enough to reflect and to reason that it is they themselves who have created the very conditions of which they so wrongfully and scathingly criticize physicians and nurses.

This one thing must always be realized—and that is this: that with the most unusual professional knowledge and ability, a doctor is after all a Man and not a God. And by this I mean that the best that his skill and medical erudition can accomplish is to utilize the resources which nature has placed at his command, and this includes not only medicines and nurses' services but the reserve and vitality of the patient who comes to him for treatment. If they come to him with a spark of life, his ingenuity and skill may be able to fan it into a burning flame; but conversely, if they come to him with a dying ember all of the ingenuity of medical science and his own personal skill which he can call into play cannot sometimes cause that ember to reglow.

Too often folk wait until the ember has begun to die out by progressing disease and ignorance as to its treatment. That is just what hospitals are to prevent. Hospital treatment aims to supervise and to prevent as well as to cure. When this procedure is followed it will so often obviate the necessities of surgical measures and other extreme methods to which doctors must so often resort in order to save a human life.

If you but had the opportunity of visiting the Afro American Sons and Daughters Hospital at Yazoo City and of observing the patients who are there for preventive as well as for curative treatment you would more clearly and comprehensively realize just what I mean. They are just as jolly, just as happy, just as cheerful as their condition will warrant. They do not enter the portals of this institution trembling with the idea that they are entering an abattoir. This is because ninety per cent of them have come in time to avert the untimely catastrophe to

(Continued on Page Three)

Though the need for relieving suffering humanity is still great, Dr. L. T. Miller's services have been long emphasized by Medical Experts, the fact still remains, his every day services reveal the full seriousness of the situation. At the moment, Dr. Miller is making an untiring struggle to relieve those who come to him daily for relief of various diseases. He has succeeded, because he has forever kept God as the Head of the House, and restoring the health of those who come in time is not out of the question.

Dr. Miller has tried to merit the confidence placed in him, and is continuing to do everything he can to warrant our continued faith in his ability. His years of experience and familiarity with various diseases have taught him what is most needed in combating and curing diseases, when his instructions are complied with, the patient's period of illness is often shortened and recovery is hastened. Prompt and courteous service has built up his medical profession, aside from his medical education.

The difficulties he has encountered represent steps in the right direction, and it is certain that mere words did not solve these problems but the burdens of caring for the sick is an instructive object lesson for the entire Negro race. It is obvious that he cannot always continue to bear these burdens, but we do pray for him strength, health and a long life, and when he has retired from the medical profession or has been called from these burdens of sorrow, tears and pains his soul will forever rest in the sweet beyond where there will be no pains, sickness nor does death ever come.

His connection with the Afro-American Sons & Daughters as Grand Medical Advisor is truly a great credit to the Negro race for he is the man for this position. He is ever ready to wait on all who come to him, the rich and the poor, the high and the low.

We feel that his greatest concern is not only to seek how to live 100 years, but seek how he can best serve his fellowman. His hope is in a great cause and undertaking. We feel his hope is to live perpetually, believing he can only do this through the conception of great ideals.

Thus let me close with the words of Mrs. Browning, the great English poet, to Dr. Miller:

"We praise thee while our days go on;  
We love thee while our days go on;  
Through dark and dearth, through fire and frost,  
With emptied arms and treasure lost,  
We thank thee while our days go on."

CHARLIE W. STEWART.

### CENTURY BURIAL ASSOCIATION GROWS STEADILY.

Since the Yazoo City branch of the Century Burial Association was erected a few months ago, it has enjoyed a steady growth. The establishment is located in the downtown district of Yazoo City occupying a beautiful gas heated building, with all the equipment for a Burial Association.

We have expert morticians to "carry on" when the grim reaper intervenes the path and they know no other slogan than "service." We attribute all of these things to our growth.

The Century Burial Association is offering a contract that will compete with any other in State. Our full benefit contract gives a beautiful casket, service car, embalming and grave marker, and the greatest feature to our contract is the small premium attached for this kind of funeral.

Burial insurance has become very popular in the last few years for the reason that holders of life insurance policies protect their insurance policies. This means that the money from insurance policies will not have to be paid for funeral expenses if the insured is also carrying a burial policy. It takes a long live to live to pay as much in the Century Burial Association as a Century funeral will cost. "A good Burial policy with a good insurance policy makes good protection."

We solicit every Negro Co-operation in helping us "carry on."

Our Motto: "Growing with the race."  
CLISTER L. JOHNSON,  
Mgr. of Agencies.

### ATTEND STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

T. J. Huddleston and T. J. Huddleston, Jr., motored to Jackson Monday, Feb. 19th, 1934, to be present at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Pioneer Oil & Gas Company. The meeting was called to order by the President, S. D. Redmond, L. L. D. The meeting was a very interesting one. Plans were discussed for betterment and safeguarding of the company. The same Board of Directors and officials were elected for 1934. These two gentlemen are share holders in the company.

There was a membership drive in the city on Monday, February 19, for the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. The meeting was held at Star Church. An interesting program was presented of Greenville. Dr. Toler, a prominent list, was Master of Ceremonies, who gave some remarks about the Afro.

Miss Beatrice Jackson, a hard worker, was partly responsible for the event. The program consisted of solo contest and readings.

The audience sat attentively to address delivered by the Custodian gave them facts about the Negro.

Some of the outstanding were, a reading by Miss Sadye one of Dunbar's pieces, which p crowd. A solo by Mrs. Charles to have been enjoyed by all. Credit of winning the oratorical

T. J. Huddleston, Jr., L. E. Edw son were present. As a result of this me bers were added to Greenville Lodge Numbe

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO BE STAGED IN INDIANOLA APRIL 2, 1934, BY F. C. HUDDLESTON, SUPREME INSPECTOR.

Indianola is all stirred up over the big Afro-American membership drive that is set for April 2. A meeting of the Indianola lodges was held Tuesday night, March 2, and each member promised to bring five members the night of the drive.

There will be an interesting program rendered by talents from several sections of the State, including a singing contest by some of the best talent in the State. Speakers for the occasion will be F. C. Huddleston, Supreme Inspector, T. J. Huddleston, Jr., and Clister L. Johnson, Cousin Tom will be Master of Ceremonies.

With the aid of the illustrious F. S., Mr. S. M. Rogers, this drive bids fair to be the biggest yet staged.

The following lodges are asked to be present and bring 10 members each: Woodburn, Holly Ridge, Heathman and New Haven.

F. C. HUDDLESTON,  
Supreme Inspector.

### BANQUET GIVEN.

On Wednesday, March 7, a banquet was given in the Afro-Americans auditorium by the Lulus Club and Blue Triangle Club combined. Both of Yazoo City High School No. 2.

The former is composed of young men and the latter of young women. The purpose of both clubs is to train the young people to grow spiritually and morally, and to become better citizens.

Mrs. E. B. Miller, Rev. P. Leonard, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr., Prof. Newman Taylor, Prof. David Burnette, Miss Louise Walker, Mr. R. J. Pierce and other guests were present.

We were very highly entertained and appreciated the invitation to the banquet.

Miss Clara Allen, a very charming young lady, and a member of the Senior Class of Yazoo City High School No. 2, made an interesting talk, outlining the purpose of the club. She is also the president of the Blue Triangle Club.

### THE WILBURN SCHOOL.

By MISS LURLEAN B. GRIFFIN.

"Since the beginning of this scholastic year I am glad to say we have accomplished a few things, in part.

First, we were in need of seats. With the hearty co-operation of our patrons and friends we have raised about twenty dollars.

We have tried to enlarge and simplify our health program, so that each child will see the necessity of a healthy body. With this in view we organized an Athletic and Health Club. This has furthered the interest of both parents and students. At the beginning only thirteen students owned tooth-brushes, seven using them daily. Now eight per cent of the one hundred sixty-three enrolled own and use the tooth-brush each day. Each week a program or project is presented by the Club.

The playground has been leveled, ditches filled, walks made, and some playground equipment added.

The reading classes have improved one hundred per cent. This had been possible mainly through the diligent efforts of interested students in securing and utilizing outside literature."